









**AUSTRALIAN AND ENGLISH CRICKET.**  
The Hon. Ivo Bligh, in a letter to the *postman*, says that the result of last season's play has not proved that England is superior to Australia in the cricket field; but he believes that a really representative Australian eleven would prove victorious.

**RELIGIOUS NEWS.**  
The Rev. Dr. Falding, principal of Rotherham College, has been appointed chairman of the Congregational Union for the ensuing year, in succession to the Rev. Dr. Bradburn. Rev. J. T. Wigmore, of Duncroft, has been appointed president of the Baptist Union.

**THE UNITED STATES AND GREAT BRITAIN.**  
*London, October 9.*—Speaking at Gloucester last night, Mr. W. L. Smith, First Secretary of the Treasury, said that the United States, after the Presidential election the United States would conclude a treaty with Great Britain for the settlement of the Canadian fisheries dispute.

**VIOLENT ADVICE.**  
Mr. O'Brien, writing to the Waterford branch of the Irish Land League, warned the people to resist evictions, and urged the people to "smash" the landlords and the ecclesiastics.

**A TERRIBLE CATASTROPHE**

News has been received from America of a terrible catastrophe having occurred here. While a religious ceremony was being performed yesterday in one of the principal Roman Catholic churches in

Pennsylvania, the platform collapsed, and 100 people were injured, the injuries resulting fatally in no less than twenty-three cases. Archbishop Ryan, who was amongst those present, had a very narrow escape.

SCOTCH APPOINTMENT:

The Right Hon. J. H. A. Macdonald, C., Lord Advocate of Scotland, has been appointed Lord Justice Clerk, President of the second division of the Court of Session, and will be succeeded as Lord Advocate by Mr. J. P. B. Robertson, the present Solicitor-General.

AN IMPORTANT DISCOVERY is announced in the 'Paris Figaro,' of a valuable remedy for nervous debility, physical exhaustion, and premature decay. The discovery was made by a missionary in Old Mexico; it saved him from a miserable existence and an early grave. We learn that the Rev. Joseph Holmes, Bloomsbury Mansions, Bloomsbury Square, London, W.C., will send the prescription, free of charge, on receipt of a testimonial.

**Quotations.**  
HONGKONG, October 30.  
New Britain, 1901.

|    |                         |      |
|----|-------------------------|------|
| 10 | New Patna, cash...      | 562½ |
| "  | Old " cash, —           | —    |
| "  | New Benares, cash, 547½ | 547½ |
| "  | Old " cash, 555         | 555  |
| "  | New Malwa, cash...      | 660  |
|    | Allowance, Tael...      | none |

|                             |         |
|-----------------------------|---------|
| Old Madras, cash, .....     | 675/680 |
| Allowance, Teels, .....     | none    |
| " Persian, Oily, cash ..... | 575/600 |
| " Allowance, Teels, .....   | 8/16    |
| " Persian, Paper tied ..... | 575/600 |
| " Allowance, Teels, .....   | 8/16    |

**exchange.**

Mon. - - - - - ong, October 30.

|                           |         |
|---------------------------|---------|
| In London -               |         |
| Bank, Wire, .....         | 3/0 1/2 |
| " On demand, .....        | 3/0 1/2 |
| " 30 & 90's sight, .....  | 3/0 1/2 |
| " 4 & 6 mths sight, ..... | 3/1 1/2 |
| Credit, 4 .....           | 3/1 1/2 |

|                                    |         |
|------------------------------------|---------|
| Document, 7, 1 month's sight, 3/14 |         |
| in Paris—                          |         |
| On demand, ... ..                  | 3.86    |
| Credit, 3 months' sight, ... ..    | 3.98    |
| in New York—                       |         |
| On demand, ... ..                  | 75      |
| Credit, 60 days' sight, ... ..     | 76 1/2  |
| in Bombay—                         |         |
| Wire, ... ..                       | 253     |
| On demand, ... ..                  | 253 1/2 |
| in Calcutta—                       |         |
| Wire, ... ..                       | 25      |
| On demand, ... ..                  | 253 1/2 |
| in Shanghai—                       |         |
| On demand, ... ..                  | 72 1/2  |
| 30 days' sight, ... ..             | 72 1/2  |
| 60 days' sight, ... ..             | 33.80   |
| 100 days' sight, ... ..            | 30.44   |

Temperature.

Taken at Messrs Fulcher & Co.'s Premises,  
(Queen's Road.)

|            |         |       |
|------------|---------|-------|
| BAROMETER— | 9 A.M.— | 30.15 |
|------------|---------|-------|

|                  |                 |       |
|------------------|-----------------|-------|
| Do.              | 1 P.M.          | 30.05 |
| Do.              | 4 P.M.          | 30.00 |
| BARIOMETR—9 A.M. |                 | 75    |
| Do.              | 1 P.M.          | 76    |
| Do.              | 4 P.M.          | 76    |
| Do.              | Wet bulb 9 A.M. | 64    |
| Do.              | 1 P.M.          | 68    |
| Do.              | Do. 4 P.M.      | 70    |
| Do.              | Mercury         | 76    |
| Do.              | Minimum only    | 72    |

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METEOROLOGICAL REGISTER

AT 4 P.M. TO-DAY

|                   |       |
|-------------------|-------|
| Barometer         | 30.01 |
| Temperature       | 76    |
| Damp Bulb         | 68    |
| Direction of Wind | —     |
| Force             | —     |
| Weather           | b     |

Hongkong Observatory, Oct. 30, 1888.

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CHINA COAST METEOROLOGICAL REGISTER.

OCTOBER 29.—AT 4 P.M.

| Station. | Barometer,<br>to sea level<br>and 32° Fht. | Temperature. | Humidity. | Wind.      |        | Weather. | Rain during<br>previous 24 hr. |
|----------|--|--------------|-----------|------------|--------|----------|--------------------------------|
|          |  |              |           | Direction. | Force. |          |                                |
| Postock. | 30.36                                      | 38           | —         | —          | 0      | b        | —                              |

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The thermometer has fallen slightly along coast and inland. Gradual for N.E. winds are moderate. Clear, cool and rather dry weather prevails.

W. DOHRER, Government Astronomer,  
Hongkong Observatory, October 30.

1. BARSOMETRICAL, reduced to 32 degrees Fahrenheit, the level of the sea in fathoms, tenths of a barometrical.

2. TEMPERATURE, in the shade in degrees Fahrenheit.

3. HUMIDITY, in percentage of saturation, the humidity of air estimated with moisture being 0.

4. DIRECTION OF WIND, to two points.

5. FORCE OF WIND, according to Beaufort's scale.

6. STATE OF WEATHER, by blue sky, a descending cloud, a drifting rain, a fog, a gloom, a lightning, a cross-gale, a partial shower, a squally rain, a rain, a thunder, a visibility, &c.

(New Year)



